EDUCATION.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 20,000 for the award of grants to new schools and new classes opened since 1106. Since 1106, it has not been found possible to provide funds for giving grants to new schools or to new classes mainly owing to economic depression and financial stringency. Year after year new schools and new classes have been coming into existence according to the educational needs of particular localities. As the House is aware, teachers of Primary Schools have to depend entirely upon the Government grant. At first the problem was of a minor nature as the number of schools was small. But the number has been increasing every year and the problem has now assumed very great magnitude.

Mr. M. Govindan : May I ask whether this amount is sufficient to give grants to all the new schools and classes that have come into existence after 1106 ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : May I request the honourable member to practise the sovereign virtue of patience till I come to the end of my speech ?

The problem has now assumed enormous proportions. It involves the fate of nearly 500 schcols and 800 teachers. I placed the matter before Government and they were graciously pleased to accept my view that the question should be viewed with sympathy. I set about finding funds. It was found on calculation that a lakh of rupees would be required. I had to recommend with great reluctance a slight reduction in the rates of grant-in-aid in vernacular schools. The rate was reduced from Rs. 8 Chs. 14 to Rs. 8. As a result of this reduction, I was able to save about Rs. 50,000. Rs. 50,000 more was required. Government have allowed me to divert Rs. 30,000 from the savings in the Education Budget. I have come to the House for the remaining Rs. 20,000.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether all the new schools will get grants ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : All the deserving schools will get grants.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether all the schools established before 1106 get grants ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether the recommendations of the Education Reforms Committee in regard to overlapping is being given effect to ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : Yes.

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Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether any of these new schools are overlapping?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: If they are overlapping they will not be given grants.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: What about Mr. Govindan's question? Has it been answered?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: I think Mr. Govindan is satisfied now.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I ask, if this amount is insufficient, how he is going to give grants?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: Rupees 1,00,000 are required. Rs. 50,000 will be found from savings, Rs. 30,000 by diversion and Rs. 20,000 by supplementary grant. The grant is for the period from Karkadagom 1110 to Mithunam 1111.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: സാർ, ഇതിനെ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു. പ്രാഥമിക വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു രണ്ടുവാക്കു എനിക്കു പറയുവാനുണ്ട്.

President: There is no resolution on primary education now before the House. Anything relevant to the supplementary demand alone can be spoken and nothing outside it.

The motion was put to vote and carried. The grant was made.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION—PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER.

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 2,596 under General Administration—Public Service Commissioner. The Public Service Commissioner has now got a small office staff of 1 Manager, 3 Clerks, 1 Stenographer, and 1 Typist. It is proposed to give him for the rest of the year, from the 1st Edavom, 1 Clerk on Rs. 40-70, 5 Clerks on Rs. 25-40, 1 Typist on Rs. 25-40, 1 Attender on Rs. 15-20, and 2 Peons on Rs. 9-11, in addition to his present staff. Honourable members are aware that the Public Service Commissioner has practically finished the preliminary work. He has completed the Recruitment Rules a portion of which has already been approved by Government and published in the *Gazette*. The remaining rules are now under the consideration of Government and it is hoped that they will be published at an early date. When these rules are published, and regular recruitment is started, the Commissioner naturally requires a larger office staff than what he has at present.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: Has he not started recruitment already?

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